

Balt. 11 April 1857.

Dear Booth,

I write to say confidentially, that as the appointment of Commissioner on International Commerce hangs fire with the Secy of the Treasury, I fear there ^{is} some ~~political~~ ^{business} measure in contemplation to foist a politician into the place. Now as this would be obviously unjust to the interests concerned, as well as to our friend Mr. Alexander, who is the father as he was the nurse of the enterprise, I wish if possible you would make **favor** with your Mr. Director ^{improving the (!)} ~~for~~ ^{an} ~~letter~~ ^{letter} to Mr. Coblin that will be serviceable in case of need. It can be written direct to the Secy, but I will thank you to let me know what it contains. Mr. S. as well as you are posted upon the particulars of the case, and ^{he} can therefore conscientiously come to the rescue, for he will be serving the public weal as well as our friend, since no one could act with ~~with~~ ^{with} ~~thoroughness~~ ^{thoroughness} and with such good effect as Mr. Alexander as he is ~~the~~ ^{so} familiar with the subject.

Please give me the direction of the man who makes your boxes for mineral specimens, & what do they cost per gross.

Truly Yours,

C. Morfit.

Let me hear from you without delay.

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